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BURN DEPARTMENT OF SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Safdarjung burns ward machines defunct` appearing in the Times of India dated June 29, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The details as reported in the news item are as under:-

(1) Non-functioning of ventilators of ICU.

(2) Non-functioning of bedside monitors.

(3) Non-functioning of cubicles in the ICU.

(4) Incubators for infants and new borns are not used.

(5) Non-functioning of some of the overhead lamps attached to each ICU bed.

(6) Non completion of renovation of OT.

(7) Inadequate lighting in OT.

(8) Congestion of the ward.

(c): Improvement is a continuous process. However, the status on the observations made in the news item is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATUS REPORT WITH REGARD TO NEWS ITEM

Respiratory burns department has got two ultra modern ventilators. Both these ventilators are in working order. As and when there is any problem with these ventilators it is rectified by the company`s representatives;

There are 7 monitors in the department. All are fully working and in 2 monitors one parameter is defective but rest of the parameters are fully functional. Process is on to rectify them.

The department has a 13 bedded ICU ultra modern air-conditioning system having 100% fresh air with 20 cycle change per minute and hypa-filters. In additional to this, in 5 cubicles there is provision for individual control of temperature and humidity. System is working and functional and is maintained by CPWD (Elect.) Wing of the hospital.

Each cubicle of ICU is provided with dressing light having a halogen bulb.Bulbs being a consumable item need changing as and when they go out of order. These are procured by the normal hospital process. 30 New bulbs were procured for these lights and all

these lights are functioning.

The Burns O.T., which was previously in shabby state, is now a ultra modern O.T. complex with Central Oxygen supply recovery room and 3 separate operating rooms. O.T. is now fumigated and will be put to full use in a few days.

The department started scientific management of burns, which consists of 3-step ladder ICU, step down ICU and finally a recovery ward. Present ward 22-A is the final ladder of this burns management. This ward is in the process of renovation. As Burn patient were continuously taken and at no stage admission was stopped, renovation work is going on in a phased manner. Nearly 2/3rd of the ward has been renovated and occupied.

The department has taken all steps to docongest the burns ward. The new ward-22-A was opened for the first time and each patient has got a separate cubicle and for less serious patients a common cubicle is for 2 patients. All cubicles have their own window type air-conditioners while a process is on to provide Central Air Conditioning system.